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DAME TROT &
her Cat

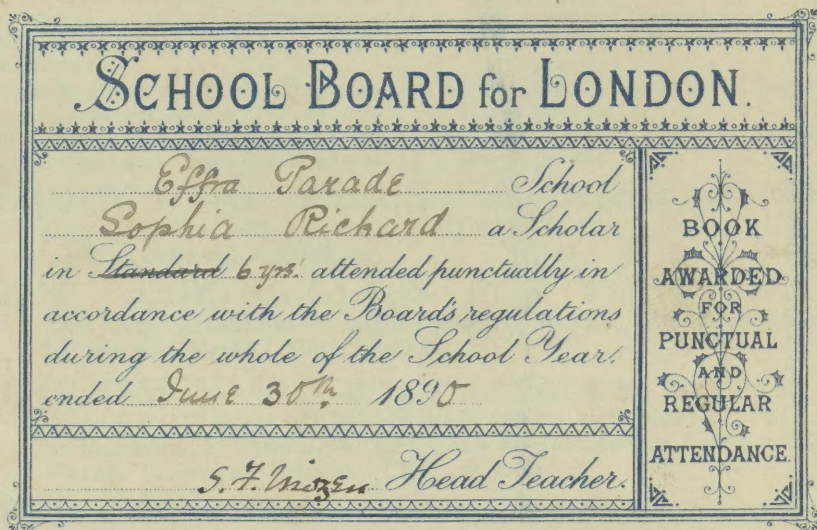
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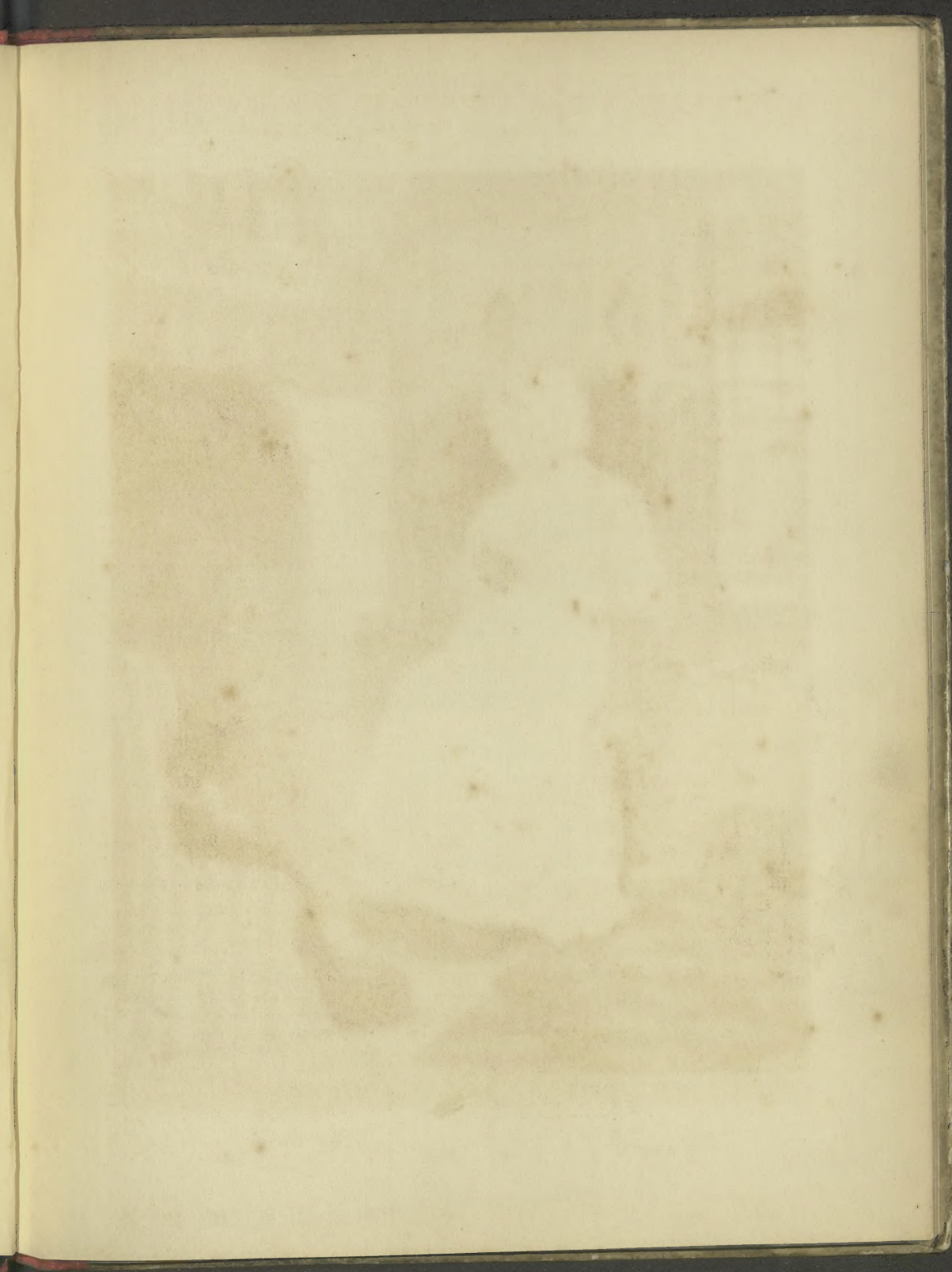
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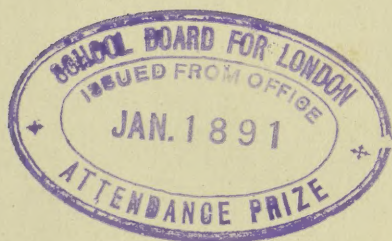
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here

Her comic Cat you see ;
Each seated in an elbow chair
As snug as they can be.



DAME TROT



came home

one wintry night

A shivering starving soul,

But Puss had made a blazing fire

And nicely truss'd a Fowl.

THE Dame was pleased, the Fowl
was dress'd,
The table set in place ;
The wondrous Cat began to carve,
And Goody said her grace.



THE cloth withdrawn, old Goody cries,
“ I wish we'd liquor too : ”
Up jumped Grimalkin for some wine,
And soon a cork she drew.

The wire got up in Pussy's head,
She would not go to bed,
But purred and tumbly
leaped, and danced.



And stood upon her head.

OLD Goody laughed to see the sport,
As though her sides would crack ;
When Puss, without a single word,
Leap'd on the Spaniel's back.



“HA ha ! well done !” old Trot
exclaims,

“ My Cat, you gallop well ;”
But Spot grew surly, growl'd and bit,
And down the rider fell.

Now Goody sorely was fatigued,
Nor eyes could open keep,
So Spot, and she, and Pussy too,

Agreed to go
to SLEEP.



Next morning Puss got up betimes,
The breakfast cloth she laid;
And, ere the village ^{CLOCK} struck VIII,



The TEA
and TOAST
she made.

GOODY awoke and rubb'd her eyes,
And drank her cup of tea;
Amazed to see her Cat behave
With such propriety.



THE breakfast ended, Trot went out
To see old Neighbour Hards;
And coming home, she found her Cat
Engaged with Spot at cards.



SOON after this, as she came in
(It happen'd quite by chance),
Pussy was playing on the flute,
And teaching Spot to dance.

Another time the Dame came in,

When Spot demurely sat,

Half lathered,

to the

EARS

and

EYES

Half shaven

by the CAT



GRIMALKIN having shaved her
friend,

Sat down before the glass,
And wash'd her face, and dress'd her hair,
Like any modern lass.



AHAT and feather then she took,
And stuck it on aside ;
And o'er a gown of crimson silk,
A handsome tippet tied.



JUST as her dress was all complete
In came the good old Dame ;
She looked, admired, and curtsied low,
And Pussy did the same.

“ I’LL fetch my Friends,” Dame Trot
exclaims,

“ To view your Clothes so new,
For what avails such costly gear
If none there are to view.”

But Puss turned up her nose at this;
For she, with looks so sly,
Had independent schemes of bliss,
And other Fish to fry.

NOW Trot would fain have shut the
door,

To keep her Cat from slutting,
But nimbly she thrust forth her paw,
And kept the door from shutting.

No sooner was her Guardian gone
Than down the Stairs Puss ran,
And heedless e’en of passing Mice,
Her daring flight began.

SHE purr’d with joy when first she saw
The outside of the door,
Then tuck’d her skirts through pocket holes
And jump’d the Gutters o’er.

At length she came before a House
(With feet inflamed and sore),

Where Groom with Horses twain
had kicked

Their heels, |

an
hour

or more.



TH' impatient steed who wing'd for
flight

With envious eyes Puss saw,
And thought within her furry self,
“Necess'ty has no Law.”



THEN prompt in action up she flew,
And gain'd the vacant Seat,
Before the Groom's unconscious eye
Perceiv'd the wily feat.



AS soon as she was firmly fixed
Upon the Horse, so glad,
She clapp'd her Claws into its side,

And galloped off like MAD



THEN gaping he with wonder great,
Her flight unusual view'd ;
He thought his Mistress was in haste,
So he in haste pursued.
But Pussy far outstripp'd the Groom,
In spite of Summer's heat ;
At length on stopping at an Inn,
She vaulted from her seat.
The Landlord flew to meet his Guest,
And thought that she must be,
So finely mounted and so drest,
Some Cat of Quality.

THE Landlady stood on the Stairs
To wish her a good night ;
Puss purr'd and wish'd she had the power
Such kindness to requite.



THEN up she stepp'd with looks
demure
To rest her weary Pate,
When suddenly she heard below
Loud knocking at the Gate.



TWAS old Dame Trot, who, when
inform'd
Of Madam Pussy's route,
With indefatigable zeal,
Had search'd and found her out.



She came with Basket in her hand,

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She seized poor puss, then thrust
her in,
And trotted home again.



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